

Today there is no jurisdiction in the state that has not been afforded an opportunity to benefit from GCC gang prevention and intervention funding. North Carolina GangNet is offered free to interested law enforcement agencies to provide more accurate information sharing on gangs and gang member activities. The NCGIA continues to provide first class training to local law enforcement. The North Carolina Department of Justice criminal justice academies establish programs on gang recognition and intervention. Other state and local agencies and non-profit organizations also have received funding from the GCC to recognize, prevent, deter and/or intervene in gang activity.

Some Promising Gang Programs In North Carolina

While collaborations are significant in combating the gang problem, they too can break-down and leave a community without the intended services. This has happened several times across the state. However, there are two holistic programs of note which are housed within law enforcement agencies that seek to provide all the services of identification, deterrence, prevention, intervention and suppression. These two programs are the New Hanover County Sherriff's Office Gang Task Force (NH GTF) and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department's Gang of One. Both programs provide a model of stability in the prevention and intervention arena and also have the intelligence and suppression offered by law enforcement .

The NH GTF is the only full service prevention, intervention and suppression unit on which any information can be found on. This initiative offers everything from mental health services such as counseling, diversion programs after school and on weekends, mentoring and the information and legal authority of the Sheriff's Office. What is so unique is the services are all provided by Sheriff's Office personnel. There is a clinical social worker who goes into the schools and housing projects, develops programs and activities as well as offers counseling.